(a) whether it if a fact that all :he State Giovernme nts and the Union reriitories have be ;n advised to set ip Pollution Contrc;. Boards to check ;he menace of pollution; and

(b) if so, how nany States have set up such Boards and what are the reasons for not setti lg up such Boards ay the remaining *I* tates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN rHE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States a e to set up the Boards after adoptir g the Water (Pretention & Control if Pollution) Act, L974, in their State Assemblies. Eighteen States have set up Pollution Control Boards after . dopting the Act. Mpura has adopie< the Act, but has lot so far se' up a Board. The States of Manipur, Naga] nd and Slikkim. :ave not yet adopted in the Act, and hence no Pollution Control Boards lave been set up in these States. The \ct has not also been adopted yet in ;he three new States of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Goa. A

**Strike in ITDC hotels**

1825. SHRI CHAT URANAN MISHR \:
SHRI GURI DAS DAS GUPTA:

• Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the ] ivdia Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) hotels went on a day's st ike oh July 23, 1987; and

(b) if so, what ire their demands and what measure, are be&ng taken by Government to I ettle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYT-LER): (a) The en ployees of ITDC's Delhi based hotels went on one day's strike on 23rd July,. 1987.

(b) The main demands were:

(i) to start wage negotiations for the employees .of hotel and catering establishments of ITDC;

(fii) release of interim relief to such employees;

(iii) withdrawal of the Employees State Insurance Scheme etc.

The ITDC management had discussed with the unions their demands cm 21 July 87 J The Unions were Unformed that the wage negotiations are dependent upon the grant of interim relief presently under the consideration of the Committee appointed by . the Govt, and that withdrawal of Employees State Insurance Scheme is not possible being a statutory obligation.

**Cleaning of river Ganga**

1826. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS' be pleased to state;"

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Attempts to clean Ganga lackadaisical" and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto? v *

THE MINISTER ' OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government does not agree with the view that attempts to clean Ganga have been lackadaisical. Till 31st July, 1987 a total of 259 schemes to be taken up in the three states of UP, Bihar and West Bengal under the Ganga ActSon Plan have been identified in consultation with the state governments.

Out of these 177 number of schemes at an estimated Cost of Rs. 175 crores have been sanctioned till 31-7-87 and work has started on the execution of most of them.

7 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.23 crores have already been completed in Hardwar-Rishikesh, Ramnagar near Varanasi and Patna. Till the end of 1987-88, 42 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.38 crores are expected to be completed. The progress of execution is being monitored.

Extensive arrangement have been made for monitoring water quality according to specific parameters m 27 locations.

To secure public involvement in the Ganga Action Plan programme of public awareness about the problems of pollution and ways to prevent these as well as programme of direct public participation have been taken up.

Till 30th June, 1987 an amount of Rs. 36.98 crores have been released **to** the executing agencies in states for execution of schemes out of which the agencies have reported utilisation of an amount of Rs. 34.96 crores.

**News item Captioned "Officials Rob Bonded Labourers"**

1827. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will th$_e$ Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item. I caption "Officials rob bonded labourers" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' $_0$f the 24th July, 1987;

(b) if so$_i$ what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct an iaquiry into the charges of corruption?

THE MINISTER OE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUf? (SHRI p, A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Yes. Sir. Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 the responsibility for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers lies with the concerned State Governments. Framing of suitable rehabilitation schemes as well as their proper implementation are also the 'responsibilities of the concerned State Governments. The news item has been brought to the notice of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for appropriate action.

**Construction of a low budget Janata Hotel at Chandigarh**

1828. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made i$_n$ the matter of constructing a low-budget Janata Hotel at Chandigarh;

(b) what is the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on this pVoject and what would be its capacity; and

(c) whether the construction is being undertaken departmentally ox through a private contractor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE. MINISTER OF STATE .OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM ^(SHRl JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) ITDC's Seventh Five Yeai- Plan does not include any provision for setting up any new hotel project **at** Chandigrah.

(c) Question does not arise.

**Sri Lankan Tamils in India**

1829. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD;

SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethc$_r$ thousands of Tamil from Sri Lanka's war-ravaged nor-